

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Previously presented). A nail clipper comprising top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends; the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected by a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member; each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship; a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position; and a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member.

2 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the post extends through the bottom member and the bumper covers the portion of the post extending through the bottom member.

3 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 2, wherein said edge of the bumper is disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member about 1/4 or less of the distance from the proximal end to the distal end of the bottom member.

4 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein said edge of the bumper is disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom

member about 1/4 or less of the distance from the proximal end to the distal end of the bottom member.

5 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the bumper extends from about the proximal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

6 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 17, wherein said lever includes a thumb accepting depression.

7 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

8 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

9 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the proximal ends of the top and the bottom elongated members have a color which contrasts the nail to be clipped.

10 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 9, wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member.

11 (Canceled)

12 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 9, wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member.

13 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 11 9, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

14 (Canceled)

15 (Withdrawn). A nail clipper according to claim 14 21, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

16 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected and the post extends

from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member.

17 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are not interconnected, and the post extends adjacent a side surface of the top elongated member to the point above the top surface of the top elongated member.

18 (Canceled)

19 (Currently amended) A nail clipper according to claim ~~7~~ 18, wherein the ~~posts are post is~~ interconnected to the side surfaces adjacent to which ~~they it~~ extends.

20 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 19, wherein the bumper extends from about the distal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

21. (New) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected; the post extends from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof; and wherein a portion of each member of the pair of sides of the top elongated member adjacent the distal end thereof extend below the bottom surface of the top member so as to form a generally U-shape with the bottom surface, and wherein the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the top member is greater than the distance between the pair of side surfaces of the bottom member.